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INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Amazon is home to 1.6 million indigenous people, some of whom continue to live in voluntary isolation, and all of whom depend on the forests and waters of the Amazon for their material and cultural survival. Protected areas and indigenous territories are known to be the best conserved lands in the Amazon, and USAID considers the region's indigenous peoples to be the foundation for achieving its conservation goals. Their active and meaningful participation in development planning and decisions affecting the Amazon is the basis for the long-term conservation of the world's largest rainforest. Safeguarding the rights and resources of indigenous peoples will help conserve irreplaceable biodiversity and ecosystem services, and promote cultural survival and self-determined development.

We work to improve the representation of indigenous peoples in governance, enabling them to promote their own rights and livelihoods for the sustainable management of the forests and waters of the Amazon. This commitment builds on a history of partnership with indigenous peoples through previous regional programs. Our projects are aligned with USAID's Policy on Promoting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

CURRENT REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

AMAZON INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

The Amazon Indigenous Rights and Resources (AIRR) activity seeks to empower indigenous peoples to better exercise their rights in the face of large-scale infrastructure development and extractive activities that may affect their livelihoods. It aims to incorporate the rights and interests of indigenous peoples into public and private sector development planning to balance human welfare and environmental conservation. The project will also promote existing indigenous enterprises to grow and consolidate their businesses to reach national, regional or international markets through a combination of grants, loans and market analysis.

Total Project Investment: \$ 17,962,505

Duration: August 2019 – August 2024

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AMAZON

By providing grants and technical assistance to indigenous peoples' organizations in the Amazon region this activity will help these communities to improve their administrative and financial management and their ability to lead development planning and priorities.

Total Project Investment: \$2.4 million

Duration: February 2018 – September 2021

CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN PERU

THE FOREST ALLIANCE

Peru's indigenous communities are among the largest landholders and manage a significant portion of the Peruvian Amazon forests. The Forest Alliance supports indigenous communities in Ucayali to conserve and manage their forested lands under an innovative model with the private sector. This project provides technical assistance on Community Forest Management, creating market-oriented sustainable businesses, engaging stakeholders in forest-friendly management, building capacity at the community-level and strengthening existing social networks. It also works with regional and local authorities to establish partnerships with indigenous communities to support monitoring of land deforestation and degradation.

Total Project Investment: \$7,117,730

Duration: March 2019 – March 2024

PRO-BOSQUES

This activity supports strengthening of Peru's forest governance by improving forest control and use of monitoring tools, promoting private sector engagement through sustainable forest management and improving business practices, and fostering market inclusiveness by increasing the participation of indigenous and other forest dependent communities in forest value chains. Pro-Bosques works with local Indigenous organizations to scale up and expand community control and oversight of forest resources in order to strengthen indigenous rights and improve forest-based livelihoods. Pro-Bosques also provides technical assistance to 16 Indigenous Communities and their representative organizations

(12 in Loreto and four in Ucayali) in the development of planning documents for improved management of the biodiversity resources of the communal territories (mainly fishing and Aguaje management).

Total Project Investment: \$ 25,041,124

Duration: September 2018 - September 2023

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